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SUBJECT: GREENEY-CROSS CASE

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1. RAISED GREENEY-CROSS CASE WITH SHIHABI EVENING MARCH 5. AFTER REVIEWING CHRONOLOGY OF OUR CONTACTS WITH SYRIAN POLICE AND FONMIN, SAID HAD CONCLUDED I HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO BRING CASE TO HIS PERSONAL ATTENTION AND SEEK HIS INTERVENTION.
2. SHIHABI SAID HE COMPLETELY UNDERSTOOD OUR PROBLEM AND PROMISED SEE WHAT HE COULD DO. STATED THAT HE HAD NOT BEE INFORMED OF THESE ARRESTS BUT WOULD INVESTIGATE.
3. I SUGGESTED THAT HE DESIGNATE A MINDEFENSE OFFICER IN WHOM HE HAD FULL CONFIDENCE TO BE CONTACT BETWEEN OUR CONSUL ON THIS AND ANY FUTURE CASES INVOLVING ARREST OF AMERICAN CITIZENS BY SYRIAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES. HE PROMISED THINK ABOUT THIS BUT IN MEANTIME ASSURED ME HE WOULD PERSONALLY INVOLVE HIMSELF IN GREENEY-CROSS AFFAIRS.
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